



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HOSHI, Kenji et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2814

Serial No.: 10/073,314

Examiner: **Vikki H. TRINH**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ALIGNMENT SENSING METHOD
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED December 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **December 4, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-8; and Group (II),
Claims 9-12.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-8 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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